vvhich heere appeareth due vpon the bond.
*Iew.* Tis very true: ô wise and vpright Iudge,
how much more elder art thou then thy lookes.
*Por.* Therefore lay bare your bosome.
*Iew.* I, his breast,
so sayes the bond, doth it not noble Iudge?
Nearest his hart, those are the very words.
*Por.* It is so, are there ballance here to weigh the flesh?
*Iew.* I haue them ready.
*Por.* Haue by some Surgion *Shylocke* on your charge,
to stop his wounds, least he doe bleed to death.
*Iew.* Is it so nominated in the bond?
*Por.* It is not so expresst, but what of that?
Twere good you do so much for charitie.
*Iew.* I cannot finde it, tis not in the bond.
*Por.* You Merchant, haue you any thing to say?
*Ant.* But little; I am arm'd and well prepar'd,
giue me your hand *Bassanio*, far you well,
greeue not that I am falne to this for you:
for heerein Fortune showes her selfe more kind
then is her custome: it is still her vse
to let the wretched man out-liue his wealth,
to view with hollow eye and wrinckled brow
an age of pouertie: from which lingring pennance
of such misery doth she cut me of. off.
Commend me to your honourable wife,
tell her the processe of *Anthonios* end,
say how I lou'd you, speake me faire in death:
and when the tale is told, bid her be iudge,
vvhether *Bassanio* had not once a loue:
Repent but you that you shall lose your friend,
and he repents not that he payes your debt.
For if the Iew doe cut but deepe enough,
Ile pay it instantly with all my hart.
*Bass.* *Anthonio*, I am married to a wife,
which is as deere to me as life it selfe,
but life it selfe, my wife, and all the world,

Deare

are



are not with me esteem'd aboue thy life.
I would lose all, I sacrifize them all
heere to this deuill, to deliuer you.
*Por.* Your wife would giue you little thankes for that
if she were by to heare you make the offer.
*Gra.* I haue a wife, who I protest I loue,
I would she were in heauen, so she could
E intreate some power to change this currish Iew.
*Ner.* Tis well you offer it behind her back,
the wish would make else an vnquiet house.
*Iew.* These be the christian husbands, I haue a daughter
vvould any of the stocke of Barrabas
had beene her husband, rather then a Christian.
We trifle time, I pray thee pursue sentence.
*Por.* A pound of that same Merchants flesh is thine,
the Court awards it, and the law doth giue it.
*Iew.* Most rightfull Iudge.
*Por.* And you must cut this flesh from off his breast,
the law alowes it, and the court awards it. allowes
*Iew.* Most learned Iudge, a sentence, come prepare.
*Por.* Tarry a little, there is some thing else,
this bond doth giue thee heere no iote of blood,
the words expresly are a pound of flesh:
take then thy bond, take thou thy pound of flesh,
but in the cutting it, if thou dost shed
one drop of Christian blood, thy lands and goods
are by the lawes of Venice confiscate
vnto the state of Venice.
*Gra.* O vpright Iudge,
Marke Iew, ô learned Iudge.
*Shy.* Is that the law?
*Por.* Thy selfe shalt see the Act:
for as thou vrgest iustice, be assur'd
thou shalt haue iustice more then thou desirst.
*Gra.* O learned iudge, mark Iew, a learned iudge.
*Iew.* I take this offer then, pay the bond thrice
and let the Christian go.



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